

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
CRIMINAL CASE NO. 1:15-cr-00070-MR-DLH**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>vs.</b>	)	<b><u>ORDER</u></b>
	)	
<b>LUCIO FLORES-SALAS,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant.</b>	)	
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**THIS MATTER** is before the Court *sua sponte*.

On August 4, 2015, the Defendant was charged in a Bill of Indictment with six counts of distribution of a quantity of methamphetamine, all in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). [Doc. 1]. The Defendant made his initial appearance on August 7, 2015, at which time counsel was appointed. The Defendant's arraignment was held on August 12, 2015, at which time this case was placed on the August 24, 2015 calendar for trial.

The Court finds that this case should be continued. "Unless the defendant consents in writing to the contrary, the trial shall not commence less than thirty days from the date on which the defendant first appears through counsel or expressly waives counsel and elects to proceed pro se."

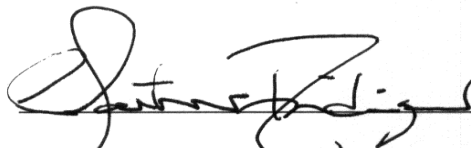
18 U.S.C. § 3161(c)(2). The Defendant here has not so consented, and thus, his trial may not start less than thirty days from his appearance with counsel.

Further, if this case were not continued, the Court finds that counsel would be denied “the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.” 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv).

For the reasons stated herein, the ends of justice served by the granting of the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the Defendant in a speedy trial. See 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the above-captioned case is **CONTINUED** from the August 24, 2015 term in the Asheville Division.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
Martin Reidinger  
United States District Judge

